

### REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are now presented for examination. Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms which distinguish over the art of record. Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 are the only independent claims.

In the Official Action dated December 13, 2002, Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,808,667 (Sugiyama), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,278,603 (Kazumi). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection respectfully are requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Independent Claims 1 and 10 as amended by this amendment are directed to an arrangement for displaying images recorded by a camera in which information regarding a focus area used in image recording by the camera is read. Signals enlarging the images and displaying the enlarged images are output based on the read focus area information such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in the image recording by the camera.

Independent Claims 6 and 15 as amended by this amendment are directed to an arrangement for displaying images recorded by a camera in which images are captured by an image-capture sensor which have been optically recorded on photographic film. Information magnetically recorded on the photographic film is read. The images captured by the image-capture sensor are processed and output to enlarge the images and to display the enlarged images by using the read information including information regarding a focus

area used during the image capture such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera.

The feature of Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 relating to displaying the enlarged images by using the information read in the reading step, including information regarding a focus area used during the image capture, such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera is shown at least in Fig. 14 and is disclosed at least at lines 15 to 20 of page 26 in the specification. No new matter is believed to have been added.

In Applicant's view, Sugiyama discloses a method of automatically regenerating and printing film images in which an index image that shows plural frames on a film strip within a film cartridge and/or a film image in one frame are displayed on a display. Information relating to automatic regeneration or automatic printing for regenerating plural film images on the film sequentially and automatically is entered by a user who is looking at the display. The entered automatic regeneration information or automatic printing information is recorded in a record medium which corresponds to the film cartridge. When the automatic regeneration or automatic printing is performed, the film player reads out the automatic regeneration information or the automatic printing information from the record medium, and automatically regenerates or prints the plural film images on the film strip in accordance with the readout automatic regeneration information or automatic printing information.

In Applicant's opinion, Kazumi discloses a camera that has a detector which detects set information in an information supplying apparatus. A controller performs a particular camera operation on the basis of the detection result. The particular camera

operation includes at least exposure control and the control of the movement of a recording medium.

According to the invention defined in independent Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 as amended by this amendment, an output device processes and outputs signals that enlarge images recorded by a camera and display the enlarged images based on focus area information used in image recording or information recorded on photographic film such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera.

Sugiyama may teach reading information used in image recording by a camera and outputting signals to display images based on the information. As recognized by the Examiner, Sugiyama fails to disclose the use of focus area information read by a reading device such that the display images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera.

It is a feature of Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 that signals outputted in a display apparatus enlarge images recorded by the camera or captured by an image-capture device on photographic film and display the enlarged images such that they are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera. Kazumi may teach line sensors for focus detection designed to detect different focus detection points in a frame including center, left and right focus detection point sensors, the use of the focus detection points as one of various camera functions to accomplish easy photographing by a user and the use of bar code information regarding selection of focus detection points. The Kazumi disclosure, however, only teaches selecting a kind of camera operation wherein focus detection points

are selected but is devoid of any suggestion of displaying images that are centered around the focus area used in image recording.

Further, Kazumi is devoid of any suggestion relating to outputting enlarged images and displaying the enlarged images centered around the focus area used in image recording by a camera. Accordingly, it is not seen that Kazumi in any way suggests the feature of Claims 1 and 10 of outputting signals enlarging the images and displaying the enlarged images based on the focus area information read in a reading step, such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera or of Claims 6 and 15 of processing and outputting the images captured by the image-capture sensor to enlarge the images and to display the enlarged images by using the information read in a reading step, including information regarding a focus area used during image capture, such that the displayed enlarged images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by the camera.

With regard to the cited combination, Sugiyama as noted by the Examiner fails to disclose the use of focus area information so that displayed images are centered around the focus area used in image recording by a camera. Kazumi fails to disclose anything relating to outputting signals enlarging images recorded by a camera and displaying the enlarged images so that they are centered around the focus area used in the image recording. As a result, it is not seen that the addition of Kazumi's selection of focus detection points in camera operation to Sugiyama's reading information used in image recording by a camera and outputting signals to display images based on the information could possibly suggest the features of Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15. It is therefore believed that

Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15 as amended by this amendment are completely distinguished from any combination of Sugiyama and Kazumi and are allowable.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

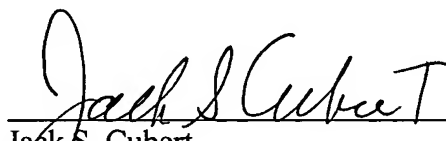
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.



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